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Two-Alarm McLean House Fire Displaces Twelve

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a house fire in the McLean area of Fairfax County at approximately 1:15 a.m., Thursday, December 16, 2004. The two-story single family home is located at 1643 La Salle Avenue.

First arriving fire and rescue units reported heavy fire visible from all sides of the structure. An additional alarm was dispatched bringing over 50 emergency personnel to the scene. Firefighters conducted an aggressive attack and brought the fire under control in approximately 45 minutes. Two adjoining homes located at 1641 and 1645 La Salle Avenue sustained water, smoke, and exterior wall damage. Twelve residents, eleven adults and one child have been displaced by the fire. An adult male occupant was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital for minor injuries. A firefighter was transported to the Washington Hospital Burn Center for minor injuries, and released. The American Red Cross is assisting the displaced residents.

Damage is estimated at \$700,000 for all three homes.

Fire investigators determined the cause of the fire to be accidental; improperly discarded smoking materials caused the fire.

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